

In Accordance with 327 IAC 5-2-11.2
the Indiana Department of Environmental Management is

PUBLIC NOTICING THE RECEIPT OF A VARIANCE APPLICATION

Public Notice Issued on: September 13, 1999

Public Notice No. 99-09-V-1

Comments Due: November 17, 1999

NPDES Permit Nos.: IN0023183 and IN0031950

I. Name and Address of Applicant

City of Indianapolis
200 East Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

II. Location of Discharge Point

Belmont Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant
2700 South Belmont Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana

Southport Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant
3800 West Southport Road
Indianapolis, Indiana

III. Application

The City submitted an application for a variance on June 26, 1998. Applications for variances from water quality-based effluent limitations may be submitted pursuant to 327 IAC 2-1-8.8 and 327 IAC 5-3-4.1.

IV. Receiving Water

The discharge from these facilities is into the West Fork of the White River. The designated uses of the White River include full-body contact recreation and support of a well-balanced, warm water aquatic community.

V. Facility Operations

The City of Indianapolis owns two Publicly Owned Treatment Plants (POTWs), the Belmont Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Southport Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Belmont and Southport plants are operated by the White River Environmental Partnership (WREP). The plants are designed to treat wastewater prior to its discharge into the White River. The wastewater consists of domestic sewage, wastewater from industrial and commercial facilities, and storm water.

VI. Substances

The City of Indianapolis submitted an application for a variance on June 26, 1998. The application requested variances from limitations established in the draft renewal permits for the plants that IDEM public-noticed in November of 1997. The substances for which a variance was requested were: Total Dissolved Solids (TDS), chlorides, fluorides, sulfates, arsenic, cyanide, mercury and the *E.coli* daily maximum limitation. Also included was a request for the use of less stringent limitations for Total Suspended Solids (TSS) and 5-day Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand (CBOD)₅ during certain precipitation-related events.

Subsequent to the submittal of the variance application, changes were made in the draft permit. As a result, the City submitted a letter dated July 20, 1999, stating that it would withdraw its variance application for the following substances: TDS, sulfates, chlorides, fluorides and arsenic. This modification to the City's variance application was subject to the condition that numeric limits for those substances would not be included in the final renewal permits issued for the plants.

Therefore, at this time, the variance application pending is only for the following substances: cyanide, mercury, the daily maximum limitation for *E.coli*, and less stringent limits for TSS and CBOD₅ under certain conditions occurring during wet weather events. IDEM is currently reviewing this application for compliance with the requirements of 327 IAC 5-3-4.1(b).

VII. IDEM Contact Person

Mr. Len Ashack, Chief
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Office of Water Management
Indiana Department of Environmental Management
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Indianapolis, Indiana 46206-6015

Phone Number: 317/232-8631

VIII. Comment Period and Public Meeting

IDEM is hereby requesting comments on the variance application. IDEM will consider all comments related to this variance application that are submitted by November 17, 1999, to the IDEM contact person listed above.

IDEM has scheduled a public meeting on the variance application. The public meeting will be held on October 20, 1999, at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Indiana Government Center South which is located at 402 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. IDEM will consider all comments made at the public meeting and any written comments that are submitted by close of business on November 17, 1999.

IX. Availability of Additional Information

The NPDES application, variance application, the draft NPDES permit and other related information may be inspected in Room N1255, Indiana Department of Environmental Management, 100 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana, at any time between 9:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. All of these documents may be copied at a cost of 15¢ per page.

X. General Procedures

The variance application will be reviewed according to the provisions of 327 IAC 2-1-8.8 and 327 IAC 5-3-4.1. Once the application is determined to be complete, IDEM will review the application and make a tentative determination to grant, modify or deny the application. The tentative decision will be public noticed and a 30-day public comment period held. Interested persons may also request a public hearing regarding the tentative determination. Information regarding procedures applicable to the final determination on the application will be provided after the comment period on the tentative determination has ended.

Please bring this Notice to the attention of persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.